



2022 Maryland Preservation Awards Nomination Instructions

Submission Deadline: February 4, 2022

*A. Hoen & Co. Lithograph Center for
Neighborhood Innovation, Project
Excellence, Community Impact 2021*

The Maryland Preservation Awards



The Maryland Preservation Awards, presented annually by the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT), are the highest level of recognition for historic preservation, heritage education and community development projects in Maryland. Since 1975, MHT has honored the outstanding preservation efforts of more than 280 individuals and projects throughout the state.

The awards honor and celebrate significant achievements by individuals, businesses, contractors, nonprofit organizations, local governments and others who protect, promote, share and give continued life to the historic places and cultural heritage that make Maryland unique.

Jacob Tome Gas House, Outstanding Stewardship of a MHT Easement Property 2020


The MHT Board of Trustees encourages nominations for a variety of historic and cultural preservation activities including those undertaken by community development organizations, museums, heritage areas, historic preservation commissions, elected officials, neighborhood organizations, homeowners, and private developers.



About the Maryland Historical Trust

MHT is a state agency dedicated to preserving and interpreting the legacy of Maryland's past. Through research, conservation and education, MHT assists the people of Maryland in understanding their historical and cultural heritage. MHT is an agency of the Maryland Department of Planning and serves as Maryland's State Historic Preservation Office pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Above: C&O Canal National Historical Park's Conococheague Aqueduct, Outstanding Stewardship by a Government Agency 2020



Leadership and Service

Robert C. Clark, President and CEO of Historic Annapolis, Inc., Outstanding Individual Leadership award 2020. Pictured: William Paca House and Gardens

Awards presented for Leadership and Service recognize individuals and organizations for laudable activities or accomplishments that advance the public's appreciation, understanding and involvement in historic preservation or archaeology in Maryland. The Board of Trustees gives three awards in this category (listed below).

The nominee's activity or service can be related to a specific project or advocacy effort or can recognize leadership or involvement with one or more activities or organizations over time. Eligible nominees include but are not limited to: historic preservation commissions or individual commissioners, elected officials, nonprofit organizations or their staff, members of the local business community, Main Street organizations and volunteers. The activity or service must be ongoing or have been completed within the last two years.

Outstanding Individual Leadership at the Local Level

This award recognizes significant contributions made by individuals to historic preservation or archaeology in Maryland including activities such as community development or heritage education efforts. Recipients will have played an instrumental role in planning or leading an event or advocacy effort or served in a leadership capacity within an organization during a time of significant achievement.

Outstanding Organizational Leadership at the Local Level

This award recognizes significant contributions made by agencies, organizations, businesses or institutions to historic preservation or archaeology in Maryland including activities such as community development or heritage education efforts. Recipients will have played an instrumental role in planning or leading an event or advocacy effort or have a demonstrable track record and history of successes related to heritage preservation and stewardship activities.

The Calvert Prize

The Calvert Prize is MHT's highest honor recognizing an individual, organization, agency or institution for paramount leadership in or contributions to the preservation of Maryland's architectural, archaeological and cultural heritage at the statewide level. The Calvert Prize is awarded based on the significance of the nomination and is not conferred every year.



Education and Community Engagement

Hagerstown Underground Railroad Trail received a 2021 award for Excellence in Media and Publications

Awards presented for Education and Community Engagement recognize outstanding achievements by individuals, organizations, government agencies and others in developing and producing projects and materials that educate and engage with Maryland's past. The Board of Trustees gives three awards in this category (listed below).

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to: outstanding publications, videos, creative training programs, innovative museum exhibits, informational brochures and technical briefs and planning processes that generate dialogue about historic preservation, archaeology and history in Maryland. The activity or product must be available to the general public and have been completed within two years of being nominated.

Excellence in Public Programming


This award recognizes significant achievements in the development and execution of programs and projects that engage members of the public with historic preservation and/or archaeology in meaningful, dynamic and innovative ways. Recipients will have played a significant role in the planning and/or presentation of the program.

Excellence in Media and Publications

This award recognizes outstanding achievements in the presentation of information related to historic preservation and/or archaeology through print or electronic media. Eligible projects may document the history of a region, subject or culture, serve as instructional materials in fields related to preservation or contribute to the general understanding of Maryland's heritage.

Excellence in Community Engagement

This award recognizes programs and projects that have spurred public discussion, debate, planning or advocacy for the preservation of archaeological or historic resources. Eligible projects include but are not limited to design charrettes, advocacy campaigns and planning processes.



Stewardship

*Warren Historic Site Committee, Inc. for
Loving Charity Hall - Outstanding
Stewardship of a MHT Easement Property
2020*

Stewardship awards recognize outstanding effort and intent toward the maintenance and preservation of historic properties by individuals, businesses, organizations and government agencies of all types and sizes. The Board of Trustees gives three awards in this category (listed below).

These awards acknowledge the hard work, time, effort, money and dedication that are often required to maintain and preserve historically significant buildings and sites. Nominations do not need to be focused on a particular project, but rather should illuminate a history of care and commitment to preservation of historic properties.

Outstanding Stewardship of Archaeological Resources


This award recognizes owners and caretakers of properties with significant and/or sensitive archaeological sites for a demonstrated track record of care and dedication to the property. Public education efforts are considered but not required for award eligibility.

Outstanding Stewardship of a MHT Easement Property

This award recognizes owners and caretakers of properties that are under perpetual easement to MHT for a demonstrated track record of care and dedication to the property, as well as adherence to the highest standards of preservation and maintenance.

Outstanding Stewardship by a Government Agency

This award recognizes federal, state or local government agencies based upon the number and significance of the properties owned or cared for by the agency. Additional consideration is given to policies and procedures for the management and maintenance of the properties, the commitment of the agency to long-term planning for the physical and financial stewardship of historic and cultural properties and the extent to which the agency's programs and policies can serve as positive examples for other agencies and jurisdictions.



Project Excellence

C&O Canal Trust, Inc. for Swains Lockhouse - Project Excellence, Preservation Partnerships 2020

Project Excellence awards are presented to property owners, project sponsors, contractors and other entities for restoration or rehabilitation projects of all sizes and scopes and on all types of properties. The Board of Trustees gives five awards in this category (listed below).

The design, materials and workmanship of honored projects must demonstrate superlative historic preservation standards. Projects can include additions to historic structures, adaptive reuse of historic structures, construction of a sensitive new building in a historic environment, restoration or rehabilitation of a historic structure, and restoration or rehabilitation projects informed by or sensitive to archaeological resources. Projects must have been completed within the last two years.

Excellence in Commercial/Institutional Rehabilitation

This award recognizes outstanding projects that preserve, rehabilitate or restore historic buildings for commercial or institutional uses including businesses, large-scale rental housing, nonprofits, and museums.

Excellence in Residential Rehabilitation

This award recognizes outstanding projects that preserve, rehabilitate, or restore historic properties for residential use. The focus of this award is on owner-occupied and small-scale rental housing. Large apartment and condominium projects will be considered in the Commercial/Institutional category.

Excellence in Historic Preservation and Sustainable Design

This award recognizes projects that successfully integrate green building and sustainable design practices and technologies into historic properties in a manner that respects the character and distinguishing features of the buildings.

Community Impact

This award recognizes the significant role that individual rehabilitation projects can play in catalyzing positive revitalization and transformation efforts in their larger communities.

Preservation Partnerships

This award recognizes individuals, organizations, governments, agencies and/or institutions that have collaborated during a project's planning, development and/or execution. This award honors the unique and mutually beneficial relationships that are often vital to a preservation project's success.

Preservation Partnerships is the only Project Excellence award that is not limited to restoration or rehabilitation projects; projects that promote or achieve the preservation, restoration, protection, or enhancement of archaeological resources or cultural heritage are also eligible.

Below: Friends of Clifton Mansion for the Clifton Mansion Dining Room – Outstanding Stewardship of a MHT Easement Property 2021



Submitting a Nomination

Nominations must be completed via MHT's grant application system online by 11:59pm on February 4, 2022. You must first create an account if you have never used our system. Click here to apply:

<https://bit.ly/3f4IVpn>

Questions? Contact Steven Allan at steven.allan@maryland.gov or (410) 697-9561.

Eligibility

Individuals, nonprofit and for-profit organizations and institutions, and federal, state and local agencies are all eligible to receive Maryland Preservation Awards. Please review award categories for specific guidance.

Current MHT staff, trustees or area representatives currently serving on the MHT Board and projects solely undertaken by MHT are not eligible. Projects using MHT grant funds, loans and tax credits are eligible. Self-nominations are accepted.

Review and Selection Process

All nomination materials are reviewed for completeness by MHT staff prior to presentation to the Board's Survey, Registration, Community Education and Museums Committee. The Committee then recommends award recipients to the full Board of Trustees for consideration and final approval.

When preparing your nomination, please consider the following:

- Nominations are reviewed and selected on a competitive basis and MHT may elect not to present an award in a given category if the nominations do not meet the criteria.
- MHT reserves the right to evaluate nominations for categories other than those proposed by the nominator.
- Concise, accurate and complete proposals that clearly state the worthiness of the nominee will be the most competitive. Nominators may submit no more than two nominations per category.

Notification and Award

Award recipients and nominators will be notified by email following the Board's selection in March. Awards will be presented on-site (or at a site of the awardee's choosing) for a live-streamed presentation in May 2022, following COVID-19 protocols as needed. Check the [Maryland Preservation Awards](#) webpage for the latest information about the timing of the 2022 awards presentations.

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